

STOP MEDIA MONOPOLY

I am writing to you today to comment on Docket No. 02-277, The Biennial Review of the FCC's broadcast media ownership rules.

I want to see a real review of a radio or television's LICENSE.

Why should they automatically get renewed when they DO NOT, in general, provide the service to the local and national listening and viewing audience that we deserve. There is so much 'trash' on the airwaves! I know that you do not dictate content, but there should be an enforcement of guidelines that provide for the equal and free voicing of opposite opinions. We are seeing mass censorship by exclusion. A person who does not agree with the mainstream right-wing point of view will rarely, if ever, get a fair hearing. Please put a stop to the automatic renewing of licenses.

The FCC must promote competition, diversity and localism in today's media market, and the way to do this is to STOP the ongoing "Media Grab" that's been sanctioned by the FCC. I do not believe that the studies commissioned by the FCC accurately demonstrate the negative affects media deregulation and consolidation have had on media diversity. While there may indeed be more sources of media than ever before, the spectrum of views presented have become more limited. Furthermore, the very principals of "free speech" and "freedom of choice" are being eroded from the airwaves. This monochromatic dispersal of a single view must stop

The right to carry on informed debate and discussion of current events is part of the founding philosophy of our nation. Our forefathers believed that democracy was best served by a diverse marketplace of ideas. If the FCC allows our media outlets to merge, our ability to have open, informed discussion with a wide variety of viewpoints will be compromised. How can the FCC continue to allow a conglomerate to write, produce, editorialize, distribute, air, and market their own product??? This is not right!

The public interest will best be served by preserving media ownership rules in question in this proceeding. Clear Channel must not be allowed to buy any more radio stations! This monopoly is UNAMERICAN. Their 'canned' programs do not serve the local audience because they produce and market a 'one size fits all' type of radio.

Clear Channel also dictates (or rather, EXCLUDES) any musician/artist whose views they don't agree with from getting their music played. Or, if they can't deny the popular (money-making) musician from performing on their stages, they dictate what the artist may and may not say. This is unconstitutional.

In addition to the official hearing on this matter in Richmond, VA, I strongly urge the FCC to hold additional hearings elsewhere around the nation to solicit the widest possible participation from the public which will be the most directly affected by the outcomes of these decisions. I think it is important for the FCC to not only consider the points of view of those with a financial interest in this issue, but also those with a social or civic interest.

With the serious impact these rule changes will have on our democracy, it is incumbent on the Commission to take the time to review these issues more thoroughly and allow the American people to have a meaningful say in the process. Let Americans know that their, OUR AIRWAVES are being sold off for peanuts to corporations that then, in

turn, do not allow the PEOPLE to truly have a say.

I am deeply concerned by what Mr. Michael Powell seems to be promoting!
And that he will NOT reveal what the commissioners will be voting on is
even more bothersome. What is he hiding? Who's 'pocket' is he in?

THE AIRWAVES BELONG TO THE PEOPLE!

Yours truly,

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